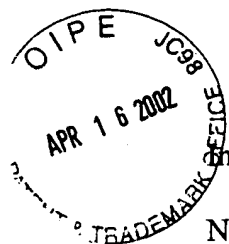


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LETTER RE PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a photocopy of Figs. 1 and 2 marked in red to indicate proposed drawing amendments thereto, wherein Figs. 1 and 2 are proposed to be labeled --(Prior Art)--.

The Examiner is requested to approve such proposed drawing amendments. Formal Drawings incorporating the proposed drawing amendments are submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS**

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Enclosed herewith are corrected Formal Drawings for Figures 1 and 2, incorporating the proposed drawing amendments submitted concurrently herewith.

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